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FOR SCI AND NSF

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1. SCST REPORTED NOVEMBER 16 THAT IT HAS DEADLINE TO MEET CONCERNING FINAL PROGRAM. PROGRAM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO PRINTERS BY MONDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 19. REPLIES TO RFFTELS THEREFORE URGENTLY NEEDED.

2. GREAT DIFFICULTY IS BEING ENCOUNTERED IN ARRANGING MOST EFFECTIVE PROGRAM, GIVEN LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE FOR DR. STEVER'S VISIT AND FACT THAT INTERVENING WEEKEND MAKES INSTITUTE VISITS VERY UNAPPEALING TO SOVIET SIDE, SINCE ONLY SKELETAL STAFF COULD BE ROUNDED UP.

3. IN VIEW OF LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 30, FOR SITE VISITS, SCST HAS PROPOSED THAT USDEL SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS, ONE VISITING INSTITUTE OF HIGH TEMPERATURES (ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR ROUND TRIP TRAVEL TIME) AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER VISITING TWO INSTITUTES NOT FAR FROM EACH OTHER (FOR

EXAMPLE, LEBEDEV AND INSTITUTE OF CONTROL PROBLEMS). IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHICH INSTITUTES DR. STEVER PREFERS TO VISIT ON THIS DAY.

4. USDEL WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ADDITIONAL INSTITUTES AND KRASNAYA PAKHRA, IF DESIRED, ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, AFTER RETURNING FROM LENINGRAD. PLEASE ADVISE PREFERENCES.

5. THERE ARE TWO VARIANTS FROM SCST FOR SAT-SUN-MON PERIOD. OPTION I: SPEND SATURDAY SIGHTSEEING IN MOSCOW AND ENVIRONS, WITH POSSIBILITY OF ONE INSTITUTE VISIT. TAKE OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO LENINGRAD WHICH WOULD ALLOW SIGHTSEEING ALL DAY SUNDAY IN LENINGRAD AND ENVIRONS. MONDAY WOULD THEN BE DEVOTED TO SPLIT-GROUP INSTITUTE VISITS BEFORE RETURNING ON NIGHT TRAIN TO MSCOW. OPTION II: TAKE OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO LENINGRAD FRIDAY NIGHT. VISIT LABORATORIES OF LENINGRAD UNIVERSITY SATURDAY MORNING, SINCE THEY WILL BE WORKING. SPEND SATURDAY AFTERNOON SIGHTSEEING. REST OF PROGRAM WOULD REMAIN AS IN OPTION I.

6. SOVIETS TEND TO PREFER OPTION II, BECAUSE THEY CONSIDER IT OBJECTIONABLE TO TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD WITH ONLY ONE DAY OF SHORT DAYLIGHT DURATION TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH ALL CITY HAS TO OFFER. ON OTHER HAND, OPTION I MAY PROVIDE ONLY POSSIBILITY FOR KREMLIN AND OTHER VISITS IN MOSCOW, ALTHOUGH KREMLIN VISIT MIGHT BE INSERTED AFTER RETURN FROM KRASNAYA PACHRA ON TUESDAY.

7. SOVIETS ARE VERY PROUD OF HIGH LEVEL ELECTRONICS WORK BEING DONE AT SVETLANA FACTORY IN LENINGRAD AND SUGGEST THAT IT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO DR. STEVER.

8. EMBASSY HAS CONTINUOUSLY STRESSED THAT DR. STEVER IS INTERESTED IN SEEING HIGH-LEVEL SVOVIET SCIENCE AND THAT PROPER BALANCE MUST BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN SIGHTSEEING AND INSTITUTE VISITS. SCST APPRECIATES THIS. WE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND NECESSITY OF MAKING HASTY JUDGMENTS ON PROGRAM AND INSTITUTES TO BE VISITED SIMPLY TO MEET A PRINTER'S DEADLINE, BUT WE ARE SURE THAT IF SUFFICIENT INFORMATION CAN BE PROVIDED TO FULFIL THIS REQUIREMENT, ANY DESIRED ADJUSTMENTS CAN STILL BE MADE EVEN AFTER MONDAY MORNING. PLEASE ADVISE.

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